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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : Moscarello, M. et al

INVENTION : **Method for Diagnosing Multiple Sclerosis and an Assay Therefore**

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To: The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 13, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 13, 2002, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

In The Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-21.

Please insert new claims 22-26.

Claim 22(NEW). A method for diagnosing or monitoring multiple sclerosis (MS) in a mammal comprising: